

BLANKET ACTIVE-BAR STATUS NOT REQUIRED.

Rule 5.5 of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct 5.5, as amended, limits the practice of law outside of the attorney's licensing state (multi-jurisdictional practice of law) to lawyers in an active status in their licensing states. The Model Rules, however, are not binding on our attorneys. In addition, Title 10 expressly authorizes the Secretary concerned to establish and supervise the legal assistance program, and provide legal assistance to eligible persons. Therefore, JAG has decided not to impose a blanket active-bar membership requirement. Formal notice of the decision will be made via Code 13 Ethics-Gram, and JAR will ensure widest dissemination to the field.